

## A TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

**Join the Band—No Matter How Much  
Glamour is Thrown Around Wine it is  
the Same Deadly Irritant Poison—**

Drink reigns almost supreme,  
How Potent is its sway,  
It prostrates high and low.

Then shall the treasonous drink  
And boldly take your stand,  
Amongst the brave and free—  
The growing Temperance band.

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**All Use of Wine Condemned.**  
To the Editors: Sir—A writer who styles

Growing enthusiastic with her subject, she arabesqued up with the sparkle of gill and cut glass, Bohemian and Roman, and cast about it a spell of aroma and bouquet, until the reader is reminded of descriptions of bacchanalian feasts in the history of the dead nations.

not fit the intelligence of our times. Chemistry shows that the "oae" wine, red or white," which this writer says should be used "straight through" in a home dinner contains a varying percentage of alcohol. Whether there be in this wine much or little alcohol, the character of that alcohol is the same. It is an irritant, narcotic poison. Its best friends cannot deny that it has the power, when taken even in small quantities, to create a progressive, uncontrollable and destructive appetite for more. This narcotic grows steadily upon the

Thus appetite grows acutely as the drinker. The ability to resist it varies with the individual, and is dependent upon physical conditions, in which heredity is a powerful factor. John B. Gough said, "My father could be a moderate drinker, but I can be only a total abstainer or a gutter drunkard."

The gratification of this appetite ends in drunkenness, crime, poverty, misery and madness. Therefore, the family or individual who is drinking the red or white wine which this so-called temperance

Woman recommends for the daily home dinner is trying a very dangerous experiment. Eighty-four per cent. of our criminals, seventy-five per cent. of our paupers, fifty per cent. of the inmates of our insane asylums began their careers with so-called moderate drinking. No human being can foresee when he begins where such tipping will lead him. He is dealing in futures, with no knowledge of his chances beyond the fact that the drink he is imbibing has an enticing power for destruction; but this fact he generally ignores.

modern chemistry shows that the four kinds of wine this writer would have served with a more formal course dinner are the same sort of liquors, differing only in flavor and the amount of alcohol they contain. Providing for guests four different kinds of poisonous drinks which have the power for harm that alcohol has is, to the best of my knowledge, a sort of hospital-

Through its action on the nerves and brain, alcohol, of all agents, is the most

powerful for the destruction of those qualities of mind and character that make a people capable of self-government. It is therefore, the most dangerous of all foes to our free institutions, which rest upon the capacity of our people for self-government.

To follow this wine-bibbling advice is an invitation to disaster to that which we hold most dear—liberty under law. The capacity for government of the American

people will stand the strain of the colonial expansion has thrust upon us, if alcohol is abolished from our habits. Commenting on this probability, Adolph Fick, professor of physiology in Wurtzburg University, Germany, in a public lecture said:

"There is good reason for asserting that the Arian-Saxon race at no very distant day will free itself from the yoke of alcohol. Whether it will then be possible for those races still submitting to its use to compete with the Anglo-Saxon in their economical pursuits is a question to be thoughtfully considered."

—MARY H. HYATT

**Tolstoy on the Drink Question.**  
The physiological and mental effects of

alcohol are now fully and clearly proved by physicians and men of science. Alcohol is a recognized poison which impairs digestion, disintegrates the blood and lowers the strength. These are a few of the physiological effects. Alcohol also produces a weakening and obscuring of the mind. It has been proved by repeated

The idea that the moderate use of alcohol is harmless is now absurd. It injures a person exactly in proportion to the quantity taken, however small that quantity may be.

that every one knows what he is doing and needs no lessons from others. No, it is no longer a private affair. It is an affair of the greatest importance to the community.

Whether they wish it or not, all men are to-day divided into two camps—those who fight by word and example against the purposeless use of a poison, and those who defend that poison by word and example. And we see this fight going on in every land. In Russia it has been carried on with especial energy for the last twenty years.—Leo Tolstoy.

**The Great Destroyer of Anglo-Saxons.**  
Mr. T. W. Russell, member of the English Parliament, in an address at Belfast, Ireland, referred to the history of the members belonging to a young men's society in County Tyrone thirty-five years ago, and declared that everyone whose life had turned out a failure had been ruined by drink. He described the appearance of the

most brilliant of the youthful band laboring on a wharf at New York, brought low by the mocker. Drink had the country by the throat. When A. M. Sullivan lay on his death-bed he sent for the speaker, pointed out to him that the Irish party was going to be captured by the drink-

power, and charged him never to give up the battle. The public house had become a more potent force in politics than church or chapel. The apathy of Christian men and ministers was astounding. The scorn and vengeance of a trade grown rich by widows' tears and children's cries were al-

most enough to make one quail. Drink was the great destroyer of the Anglo-Saxon race; Satan's prime agency in the unmaking of men. The lecturer had changed some of his views, but those on the drink question he had never modified in the slightest degree.

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Notes of the Crusade.

The imperialism in the saloon power is the imperialism to be dreaded. This country can take care of Aguirre easier than we can of the saloonkeeper and his vast army.

It is significant of the progress that tem-

perance agitation is making in Germany that 200 students of the University of Berlin have organized themselves into a total abstinence club, the first in the empire.

The brewers who were so patriotic at the outbreak of the war are now kicking vigorously against the additional war tax on beer. Their patriotism was only on the foam after all.

One-id-al men have controlled the

There has been more American boys in the army ruined by rum since the beginning of the Spanish War than there will be Cubans and other heathens of our new dominions saved by American missionaries.

Granger County, Ohio, prohibits the sale of liquor and there is not a saloon in the county. Recently the sheriff of that county brought a prisoner to the penitentiary at Columbus. He told a reporter of the State

Journal that he was serving his second term as sheriff and this man was the first he had brought to the penitentiary. He attributed this remarkable fact to the absence of saloons in the county.